

Delaware Homeownership Relief Expands Outreach

June 10, 2013 (DOVER, DE) – The Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA) and the Delaware Attorney General's Office joined forces to launch "Delaware Homeowner Relief", an initiative created using a portion of funds Delaware received through the Multistate Mortgage Foreclosure Settlement between the federal government and five of the nation's largest mortgage-servicing banks. Most recently, the partnership launched a new website designed to help Delawareans facing foreclosure. DelawareHomeownerRelief.com was developed with the support of the Government Information Center, and provides information on a wide range of resources for homeowners in distress, including emergency mortgage assistance; manufactured housing lot rent assistance; foreclosure prevention and financial counseling; and, other programs and services unique to Delaware.

Governor Jack Markell praised the new website, calling it a "one-stop shop" for anyone looking for information on resources available to homeowners in Delaware. "This provides vital information so homeowners will know options available to them and where to go to get the help they need," he said.

"Everyone benefits when we can reduce foreclosures – families keep their homes and neighbors see their home values rise," said Delaware Attorney General Beau Biden. "This initiative will provide critical resources for homeowners so they can act before it is too late."

The website is a key part of "Delaware Homeowner Relief," a partnership between DSHA and the Attorney General's Office which also supports housing counseling, education and outreach, foreclosure mediation, mortgage fraud investigation and prosecution, emergency mortgage assistance, manufactured

housing lot rent assistance, and servicer events, where homeowners can meet personally with representatives from mortgage lenders to work toward a resolution to their mortgage crisis.

“We are very pleased to launch this site to help homeowners faced with the prospect of losing their home get the information they need as quickly as possible,” said DSHA Director Anas Ben Addi. “Thanks to assistance from the Government Information Center, the new website has an adaptive design that is also easily accessible from a variety of mobile devices and tablets.”

DSHA and the Delaware Attorney General’s office are working together to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to enhance the outreach efforts. These efforts include multiple messages for a wide variety of outlets such as informational advertisements on TV and radio, billboards, in addition to statewide servicer events, and housing counseling workshops.

Last month, Delaware Homeowner Relief announced the new Manufactured Housing Assistance Program which enables owners of manufactured homes on rented land or on a lot owned by the homeowner to receive payment assistance for past due lot rent and/or home payments up to \$5,000. This Program is expected to help up to 60 Delawareans become current on their lot rent, and avoid eviction from their homes.

For additional information and/or eligibility requirements for programs, please call (888) 363-8808 or visit www.DelawareHomeownerRelief.com. To find out more about foreclosure prevention programs including the mandatory mortgage foreclosure mediation program, or if you believe you have been the victim of fraud or a scam, call the Delaware Homeowner Relief Hotline toll-free at (800) 220-5424 for information and referrals.